

FRENCH GUIANA



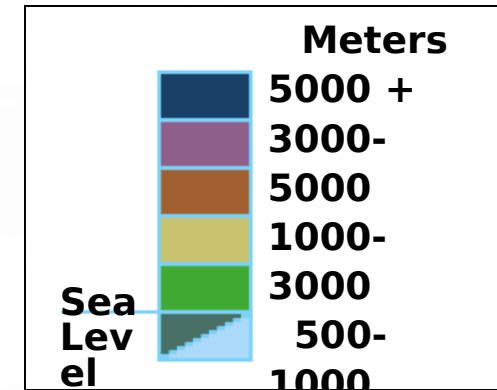
- Overseas Department of France
 - Heavily subsidized
 - French space center in Kourou
- Sparsely populated
- Tropical wilderness



French Guiana: Environmental Issues

- Topography
- Climate

Tropical; hot,
humid; little
seasonal
temperature
variation



Low-lying coastal plains
rising to hills and small
mountains

lowest point: Atlantic
Ocean 0 m

highest point: Bellevue de
l'Inini 851 m

French Guiana: Environmental Issues

- Industries
 - French space center, aircraft and motor vehicle parts, forestry products, gold mining, rum production, and shrimp processing
- Water
 - Surface water contaminated with raw sewage
 - Mercury contamination due to gold mining

French Guiana: Environmental Issues

- Greatest short-term environmental health risks
 - Water contaminated with raw sewage
 - Extreme heat
- Greatest long-term environmental health risks
 - Chronic ingestion of mercury in contaminated water

French Guiana: Diseases of Operational Importance

- High risk country
- Diseases of greatest risk
 - Food and water-borne: bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A
 - Vector-borne: dengue fever, malaria

French Guiana: Diseases of Operational Importance

- Diseases of potential risk
 - Food and water-borne: protozoal diarrhea, hepatitis E, typhoid/paratyphoid fever
 - Vector-borne: leishmaniasis, yellow fever
 - Sexually transmitted: gonorrhea/chlamydia, hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS, syphilis
 - Water contact: leptospirosis
 - Respiratory: tuberculosis
 - Animal contact: Q fever, rabies